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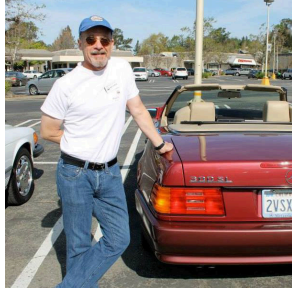
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President's Message

Holy sox, autumn is upon us and I'll be joining our fellow Freewheelers in Cloverdale on Saturday, September 9 for their annual car show...hope to see you there! Also, Councilman and Freewheeler Gabe Quinto is looking for classic cars to participate in El Cerrito's Centennial Parade on Saturday, September 16. If you're interested, contact Gabe at gquinto@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us.



We have a New Member Brunch as well as a West Coast Meet 2018 kick-off meeting in the works for October, so watch for upcoming details. Any new members since our last brunch attend at no charge, and we'd love to see some new faces at the West Coast Meet kick-off!

In November, the Freewheelers will be joining the Packard Club for a Veteran's Day (Saturday, November 11) event at the Veteran's Home in Yountville where we'll bring some of our wonderful vintage cars for our Veterans to enjoy. And our annual Holiday Party will be held in Pleasanton again this December.

Lastly, I'd like to express my condolences to the friends and family of Freewheeler Robert Adamich who recently passed away. Bob who had a 1957 Chevrolet 3100 Pickup passed on June 9. So in welcoming new members, we also remember those who have come before. Members come and members go, but the Freewheelers are 4-EVAH!

Happy Motoring!

Marty Hanson
Club President

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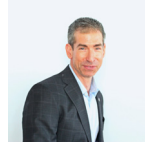
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SAVE THE DATE - CLOVERDALE CAR SHOW

Please join your fellow Freewheelers at the 24th Annual Cloverdale Car and Motorcycle Show on Saturday, September 9, 2017. We will have a space in the show for our club cars. If you'd like to show a car, please email Jay Remick - jayremick@me.com or Eric Whitney at ewhitney@me.com and we will try to get you in.

What's more, if you come to the car show, showing a car or not, please also plan to join us after the show as we caravan together to the home of Chris Cowen and Mark Metasavage for a post-show Pool Party! Details of the Pool Party and directions to their home will be distributed to club attendees at the car show.

What: Cloverdale Car Show & Pool Party

When: Saturday, September 9, 2017,

Placement of cars from 8:00 to 10:00, Car show 10:00 – 3:00 and Pool Party 3:00 to 7:00

Eric Whitney will be there early with Coffee and Donuts

Where: Car Show, Downtown Cloverdale

Pool Party, home of Chris Cowen & Mark Metasavage, Cloverdale, CA

Event Fee: \$5 for Pool Party

Meals and Car Show registration are on your own. Registration for the car show is \$35.00, spectators are free.

AUGUST TOUR

Frewheelers descend at the Chabot Space and Science center for an afternoon of fun and food.

*By Bill Hall
Photos by Bill Peachee
& Mark Reverdy*

The day dawned bright, sunny and HOT as the Freewheelers slowly wound their way up into the Oakland hills to the Chabot Space and Science Center. Following the smartly placed rainbow colored directional signs, over 60 members and their guests began to saunter in one by one to our private parking area and settle into their perfect spot for our usual tire kicking and coffee and doughnuts.

First on tour were Bill Neill and his perfectly unrestored 1965 Ford truck, Gabe Quinto's 1987 Alfa Romeo Milano 75 and Betsy and Craig Parada's 2004 Mercedes 230 sedan. As the temps climbed and everybody huddled into what shade was available, our chaperon Samantha arrived to lead us into the facility, stopping to give us a brief history of the facility itself, the 3 large telescopes and then talk a bit about what was in store for the day including noting that the facility was air conditioned.

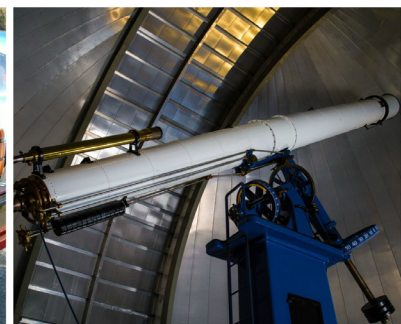




First up was the pinball machine exhibit with 35 playable machines that proved too much to resist for many of us. With over an hour available before the U2-serenaded planetarium laser show, the group meandered through the buildings enjoying the exhibits and finding things of interest. Beyond BlastOff really appealed to the space traveler curious among us and after the laser show, volunteer docent Richard gave a demonstration of an actual astronaut suit. Destination Universe and the hands-on Touch the Sun exhibit proved to be both interesting and informative and everybody seemed to take some new or interesting fact away from the whole Chabot experience.



Afterward, everybody saddled up for a short self-guided drive tour (handy large print maps provided) through the Oakland hills to Bill and David's house for a great BBQ with homemade pulled pork and all the expected accoutrements and lots of cold drinks to offset the unusually hot afternoon. 



By: Michael Amodt
Photos: Mark Reverdy
& Michael Amodt

PORTAL PARK PANOPLY

On Sunday, July 30th, the Cadillac LaSalle Club held its annual Don Frolich Memorial National Meet on the shady rolling lawn of Portal Park in Cupertino. The show has taken place for many years and had dwindled over time. Recently the club made the wise decision to extend invitations to a number of other car clubs. The result is a revitalized show with an interesting variety of makes and models of all kinds. Of the eighty-three cars, likely a third were other than Cadillacs or LaSalles.

Freewheelers Club members were well represented at the show. Besides Jay and me ('67 Imperial Crown Coupe), also showing cars: our most senior member at 93-year-old, Wayne Parsons (spectacular '56 Packard 400 – owned since 1958! Incidentally Wayne drove down from Santa Rosa to attend this, one of his favorite events of the year), Bill Peachee (original '60 Buick LeSabre), John McCue ('68 Cadillac El Dorado) and saving the most dramatic new addition to our club for last, Clint Moore's elegant 1932 Packard 903 Convertible Sedan. Former, long-time Club member Henry Hopkins won the non-Cad/LaSalle award for his beautiful '49 Hudson convertible.



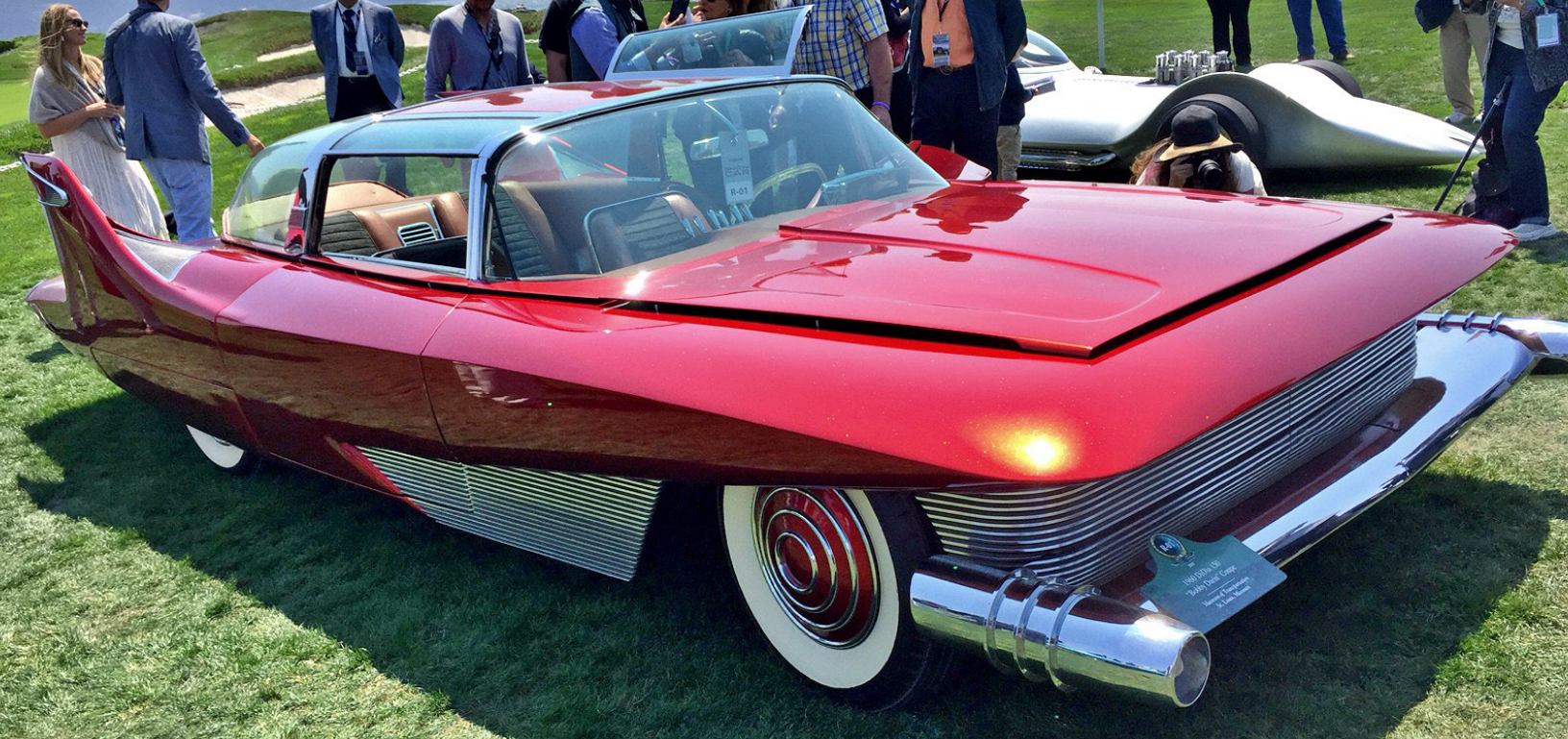


Escaping the stress of driving and having to detail their cars for the show, several Freewheelers attended as spectators. Mark Reverdy & Eric Warren, Glen Taber, Bill Rogstad, Larry Camuso, John White and Chris Slater socialized and perused the show.

The highlight of the day for me was my visit with the 87-year-old daughter of the dear lady, Mrs. Elinor Riveroll, from whom I bought my Imperial. The family had not seen the car since it passed into my hands in 1996. I was overjoyed when Judge and Mrs. Kettmann, appeared with their son, David and his wife, Heather. The car remains very special to them and we so enjoyed sharing memories of Mrs. "R" and her beloved Imperial.

If any of you attend interesting events put on by other car clubs, we're always looking for new ideas. Please feel free to contact the Board with activity suggestions or to share your experiences. And we welcome articles by our members! 





Monterey Car Week 2017 Recap

Text by Clint Moore

Photos by Clint Moore & Jeff Niles

Another fantastic Monterey Car Week has come and gone bringing unexpected, rare and breathtaking examples of motoring to the public eye and stratospheric prices to the auction block. While I wasn't able to attend every event (I wish I had been able to go to the mini- and microcar show!), here is a review of some of the happenings of the biggest automotive week of the year.

Tuesday "Concours on the Avenue" in Carmel

The featured make this year was Porsche, which was evident because it seemed nearly every Porsche ever manufactured was on display. In fact, so many similar cars were there that more than one Porsche enthusiast remarked that some restraint and judicious discrimination in the selection process would have gone a long way. For me, some of the highlights included the 3 Cyclops cars, the Dodge Phoenix and the Citroen XM, which was very rare because it was not imported into the US.

Tuesday "Classic Motorsports Monterey Kickoff Cruise-In" in Pacific Grove

This event is exactly what it sounds like: a casual come-as-you-are show. No pre-registration is required, and no rhyme or reason to the field. Cars are stacked onto Lighthouse Ave. as they show up, and the variety is wonderful. There were cars that had been "on the Avenue" earlier in the day, and cars that would be seen later in the week at the Concours d'LeMons. Standouts here include my LeSabre, an interesting juxtaposition of an El Camino and a Porsche of nearly matching colors, a rare and unrestored Muntz Jet, and an Imperial Mobile Director (who knew we would ever see another one besides Michael Amodt's?!)

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RIGHT



Aston Martin Club Party >>

Rather than having display tents at Pebble Beach, higher end manufacturers are now electing to rent spaces or houses around the peninsula to specifically target their audience. With the help of Christopher Slater, I was able to get a ticket to the Aston Martin event, which included scones and hand-make mini quiches (not the ones from Costco!) presented on tiny linen napkins, proper English tea served in china cups and saucers, and the ubiquitous full bar. Designers were on hand to discuss future models, exterior colors and interior materials, while owners were encouraged to bring their cars for display at the event.



Aston Martin Club Party

Friday Auction Previews



Mecum

<< *Mecum*: More the barking, American-style “Las Vegas” auction, Mecum was set to auction hundreds of cars over several days. This auction featured everything from muscle to malaise, classics to kiddie cars. It seemed about half of the cars were not meeting their reserve and were parked on the field outside the tent begging buyers to continue to make offers. Interesting cars here included a Mazda Cosmo, several 1940’s Buicks, a Fiat Jolly (expected to fetch \$75,000+), a Pinto Squire and Studebaker Avanti and a crunched Italian sports car with accompanying pile of parts (expected to fetch \$40,000+).



RM

RM-Sotheby's >>: This more refined sort of auction was not actually in progress while I was there. Well-dressed patrons were merely previewing what most people consider the heavy hitting classics. Duesenberg, Mercedes, Ghia, Voisin, Packard, Bugatti, Rolls Royce and, of all things, Peel were represented here.

Friday Pacific Grove Concours Auto Rally

For anyone who wants to participate in car week, this is a great way to be a part of the action. Pre-registration is required, but you can get your name in practically up until the last minute. The event consists of a "show" on Lighthouse Avenue in Pacific Grove that starts at noon, but most people don't show up until 3pm or so. At 4:30, drivers are admonished by the highway patrol that the event is not a race, and reckless driving and excessive speed will not be tolerated. From there we took to our vehicles for a drive to the beach, around the point and into 17-Mile Drive before doubling back for an optional BBQ dinner. At least 250 cars participated, including several Free-wheelers. Highlights included a wide variety of vehicles such as a beautifully restored 1962 Pontiac, a Facel III (perhaps the only one in the US), Fieros, Metropolitans, Jeep trucks and more!

Saturday Concours d'LeMons

The self-described scourge of Pebble Beach Weekend never fails to disappoint. The show was jammed this year with both cars and people, and while there was a noticeable increase in plain beat-up junk, there were still scores of rare and bizarre examples of automotive history. The variety included Panhard, Tribant, Kaiser, Muntz, AMC and more!

Sunday Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance

The grand-daddy of car shows, this event is the Kentucky Derby of the automotive world, and the outfits and hats do not disappoint. But we are concentrating on the cars, and this year among the featured makes were Isotta Fraschini, Ferrari and a category called "American Dream Cars of the 1960's," which was filled with custom built and concept cars like the famed Bobby Darin Coupe and the Studebaker Sceptre, with silver Mylar seats! In a club like the Freewheelers where the majority of cars collected are from the 1950's and 60's, it gives few of us the opportunity to be considered for participation in this event, but in recent years the organizers have had categories like the latter to reflect the changing taste and diversity of the hobby. To be invited to show a vehicle at Pebble Beach is an honor realized by few, and once again I resolved that one day, whether I have to lie, steal, cheat or kill, I will have a car on that field! 





September 9-10 - North Bay Cloverdale car show and BBQ Cloverdale, California

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*See page three for more information.

October -
details to come

November 11 - November Yountville veterans event with Packard club Yountville, California



**all events are subject to change*

December 10 - East Bay Freewheelers annual holiday party Pleasanton, California



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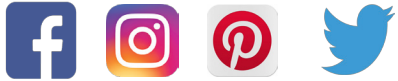
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